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# **Nuclear power complex of Russia: safety and efficiency**

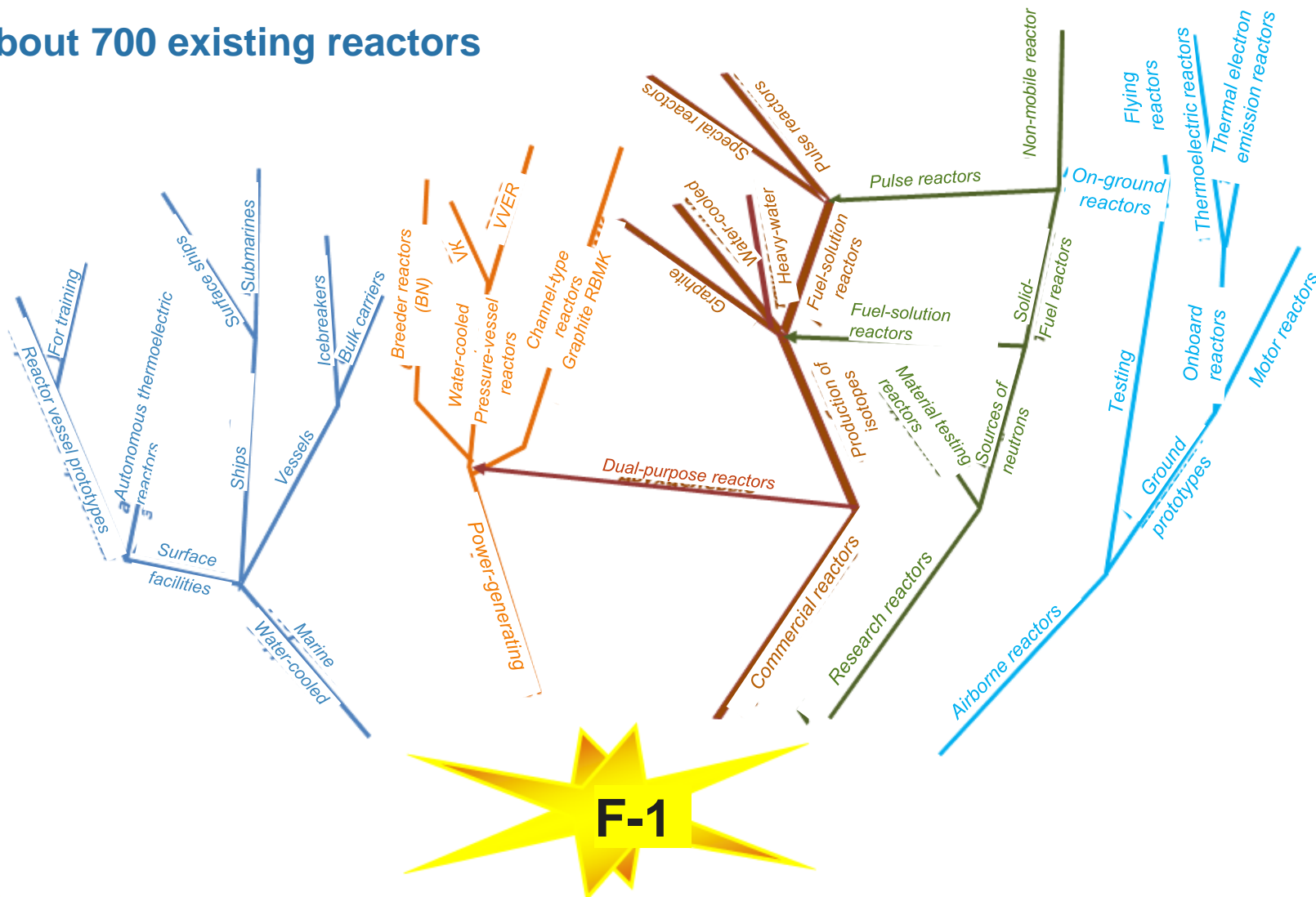
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# Tree graph of reactors

About 700 existing reactors



# The first NPP in the World

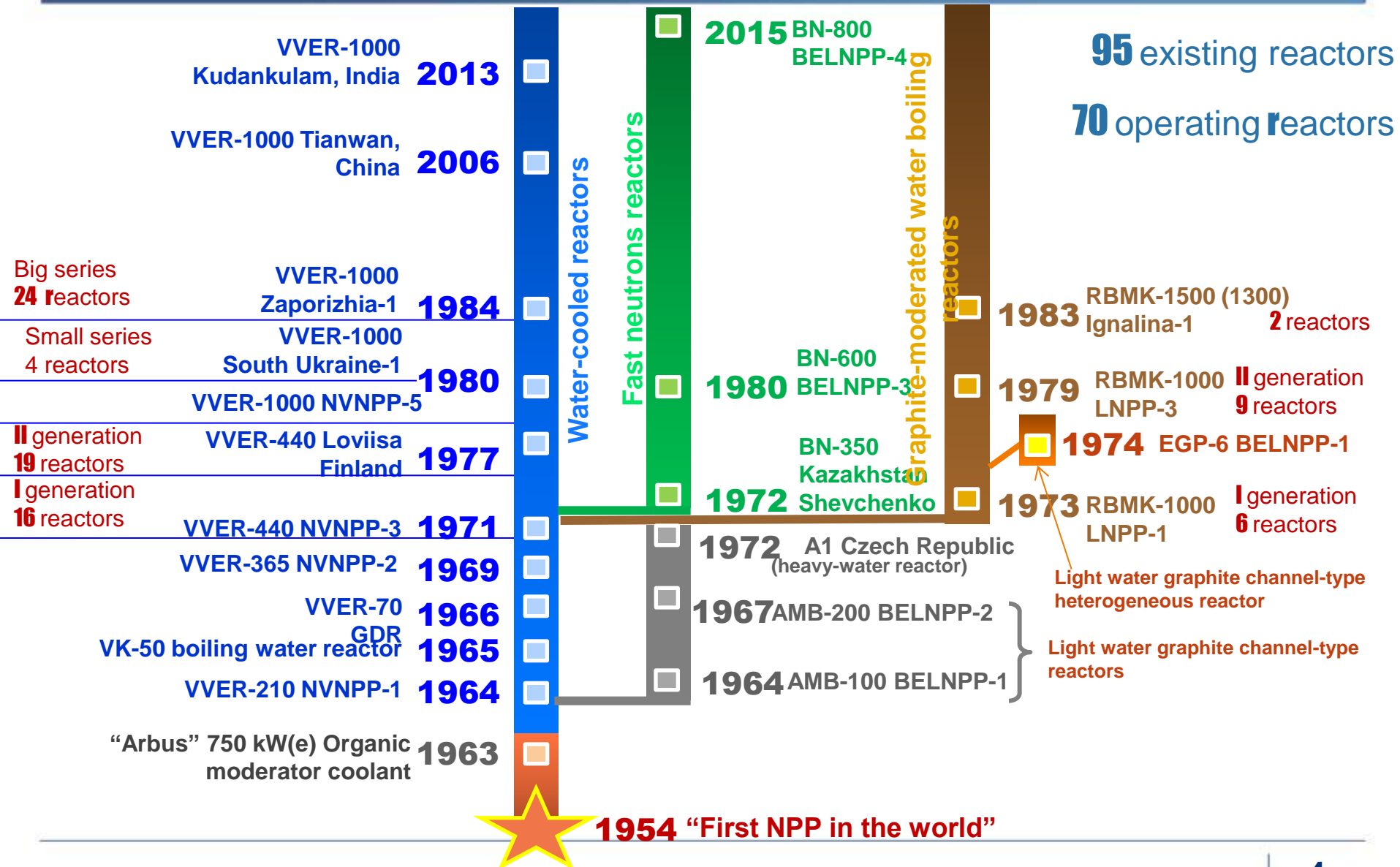


**June 26, 1954 –**  
**Birthday of nuclear-power engineering**

# Power-producing reactors



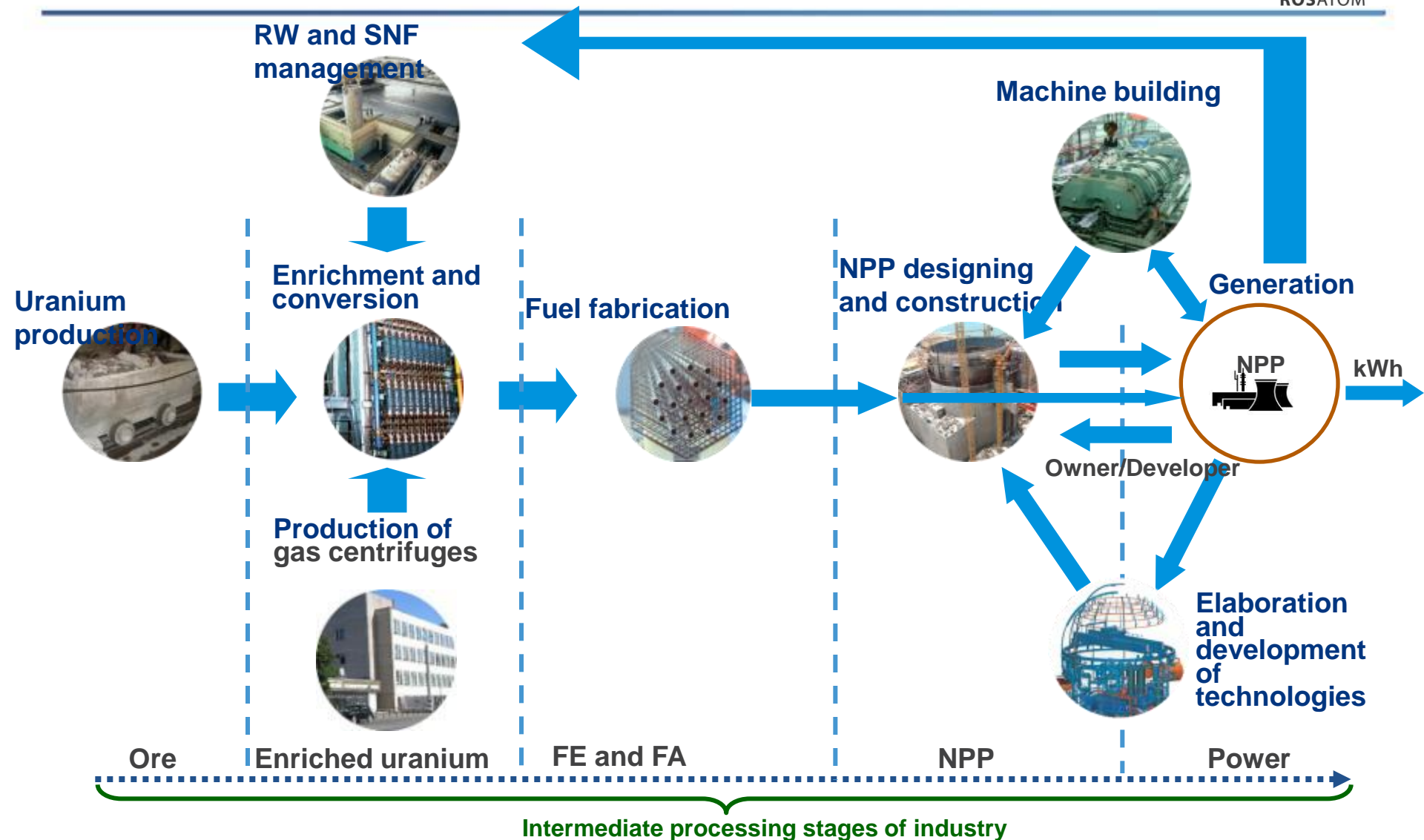
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# Process chain of nuclear power generation in Russia

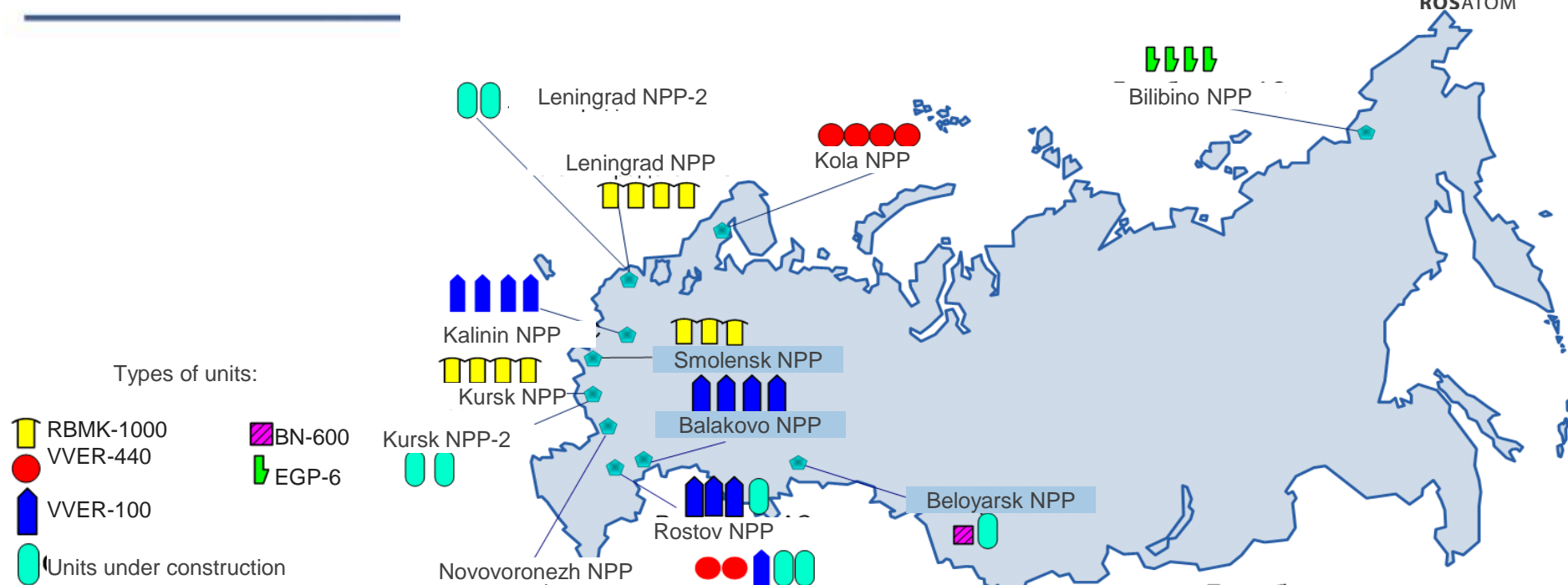


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# Geography of operating and being-built NPP units in Russia

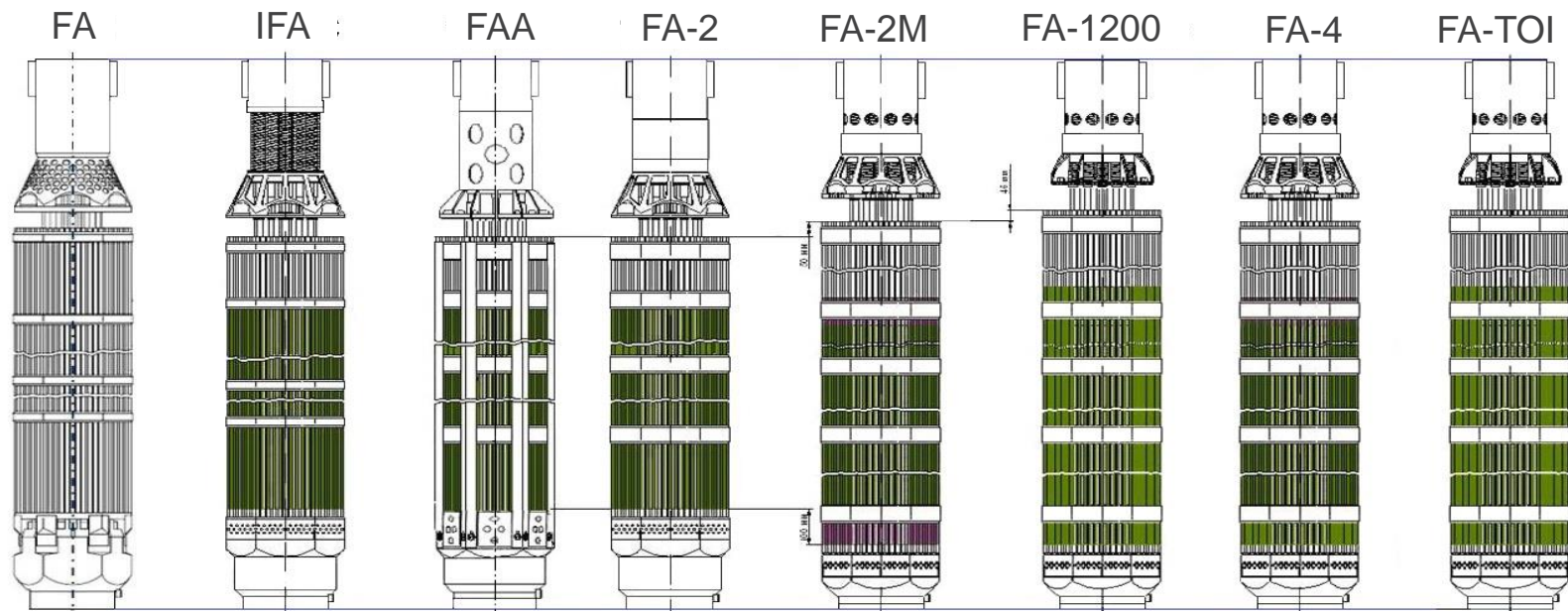


10	Operating NPPs
34	Operating power units
1	Power unit in pilot operation (4BEL)
7	Power units under construction
26,242 MW	Installed capacity
195.2 bln. kWh / 18.6%	Generated electric power in 2015 /NPP share in Russian power industry
40%	Share of NPP power generation in the European part of Russia

# Nuclear fuel for VVER-1000



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Duration of  
operation,  
cycle×month

2x12

3x12

4x12

3x18

Burn-out,  
MW×day/kgU

40

54

65

72

Thermal power  
of reactor core,  
MW

3000

3120

3200

3300

1982

1996

1998

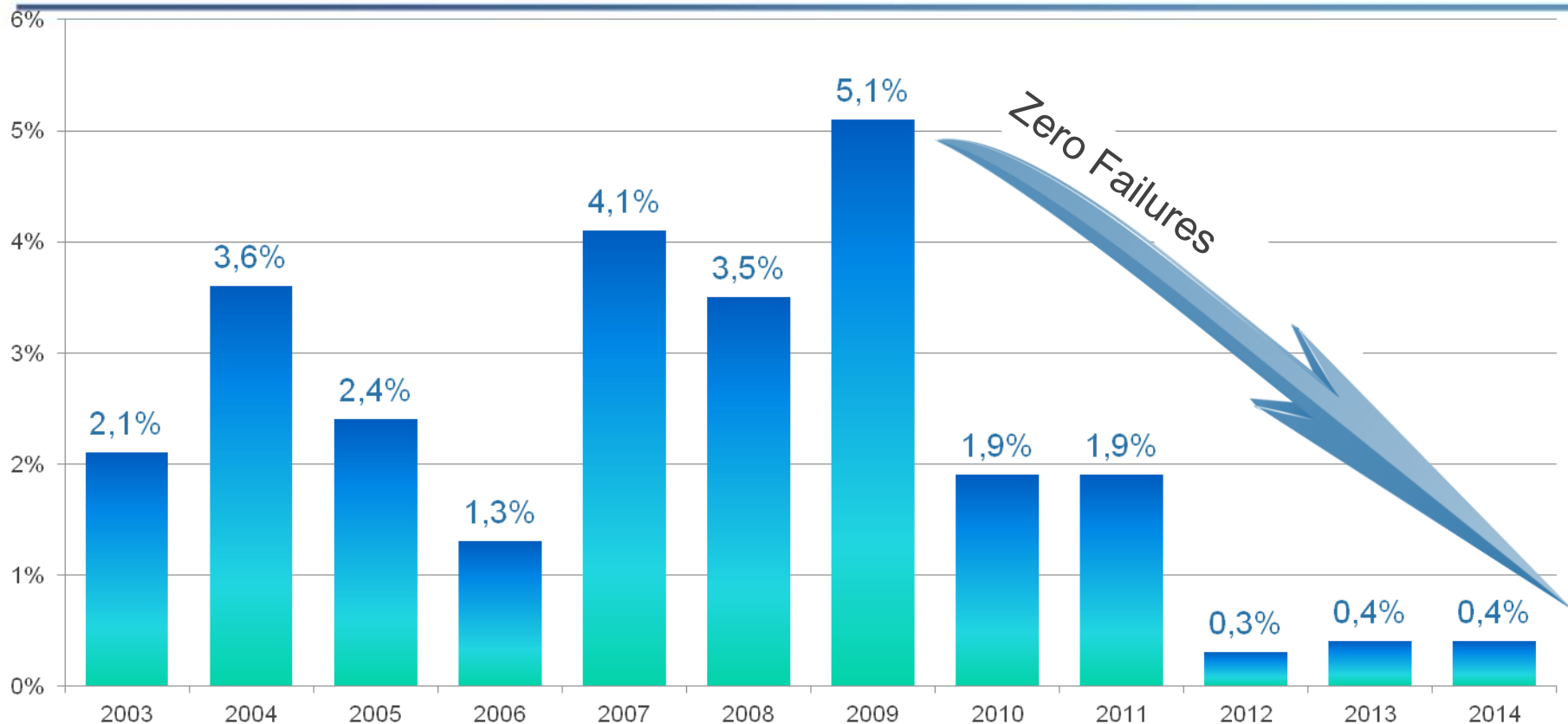
2002

2006

2012

2017

# Share of leaking FAs in Russian VVERs



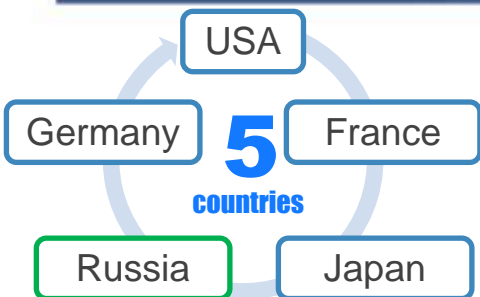
**Primary reason for failure of VVER-1000 fuel elements is debris**



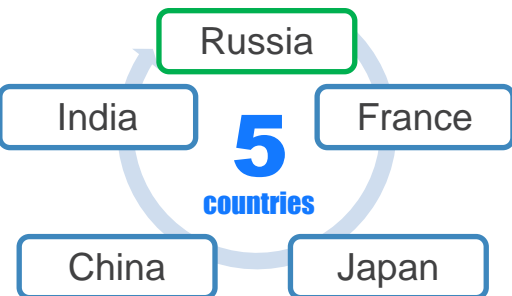
# Level of nuclear power globalization



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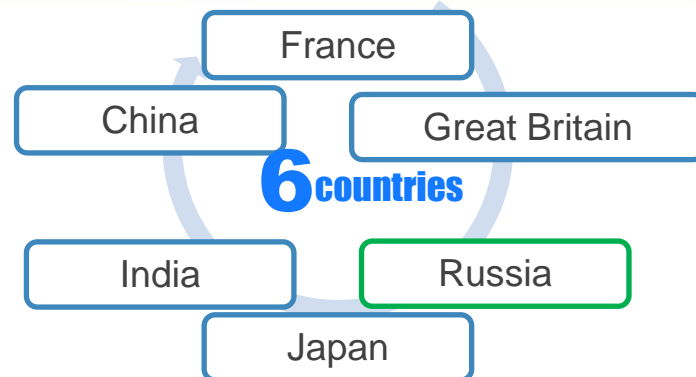
generate 70% of the world nuclear electricity



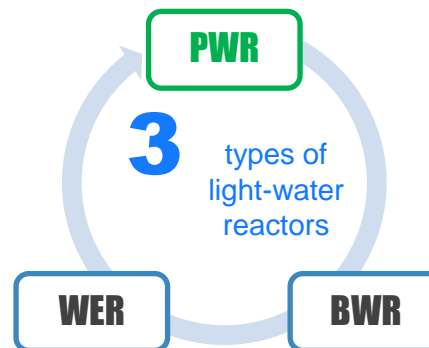
possess advanced fast neutron reactor projects



provide industrial enrichment of uranium



possess capacities for nuclear fuel reprocessing



make 80% of the global reactor fleet

# Assessing level of technological availability of Russia to ensure innovations in nuclear power-engineering

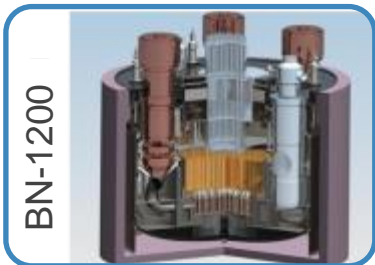
With respect to reactor technologies:



**Evolutionary NPP designs with reactors featuring capacity of 1200 MW have been developed and implemented**



**The technology of sodium-cooled fast neutron reactors has been successfully demonstrated**



**Development of new NPP designs with fast sodium-cooled reactors, with fast reactors featuring heavy metal coolant and a set of designs for small and medium power engineering are at different stages of availability**

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With respect to the closed nuclear fuel cycle technology:



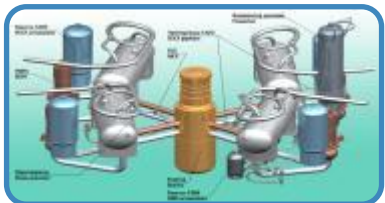
The technology of wet reprocessing of SNF with plutonium separation and vitrification of high-level RW (RT-1) has been demonstrated at the industrial level



The pellet- and vibro-technologies of MOX fuel fabrication for fast reactors with sodium coolant have been demonstrated at the experimental production level



Development of alternative fuel-cycle technologies with fast reactors (nitride fuel, dry methods of SNF reprocessing, minor actinides transmutation in fast neutron reactors, uranium-thorium cycle technology elements) is underway now



Consideration is given to the concepts of hybrid accelerator-driven units and molten salt reactors for burning-out long-lived RW

# Assessing level of technological availability of Russia to ensure innovations of nuclear power-engineering

- With respect to the technologies of nuclear power sources for non-electrical use:



**The possibility of using nuclear-power technologies for the purposes of sea water desalination (BN-350) and of regional heat supply (Bilibino NPP) has been demonstrated**



**The technologies of power generation for non-electrical use and power unit designs for implementing these technologies are at different stages of completion**

# Basic principles of development of the Russian nuclear power complex

## I. Integrity

Requirements for development of every key technological element of the NPC are developed in response to a request from the NPS with the aim of integral optimization of all its parameters

## II. Stages

Safe and efficient NPP operation is ensured by gradual implementation of all required stages of development and mastering new technologies:

conceptual research project

R&D

pilot operation of a prototype model

commercialization

mass commercial use

## III. Steps

Development of short-term and long-term targets is based on the iterative process of analyzing problems arising at every current stage of NPP development



# Requirements for a large-scale XXI-century Russian NPS

## Consumer appeal

- guaranteed safety
- economic efficiency

## Scale of production in electric power market

- At least 30% by mid-century

## Power-generation structure

- It shall ensure multi-purpose use by the fields of application, i.e. expansion of sales markets, and complexity as the flexibility and risk-tolerance factor

## Raw materials base

- It shall not have limitations for historically significant period of time (hundreds of years)

## Handling waste

- It shall provide for safe final RW isolation

## Current stage:



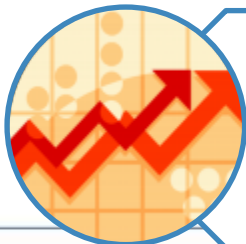
building-up power-generating capacities based on the development of VVER technology as the practical basis for long-term industrial nuclear power engineering



Establishment and optimization of the basic elements of a new technological platform for closing the nuclear fuel cycle ensuring the minimization of radiation load in the course of nuclear fuel reprocessing and RW ultimate disposal



ensuring growth of export of reference nuclear power-generation technologies



investigating market demand for regional nuclear power engineering of low and medium capacity and its non-electrical use

## Subsequent stages:



**development and deployment of a large-scale NPS closed with respect to uranium and plutonium as the basis for sustainable development of Russia in the third millenium**



**determining perspectives for incorporating thorium into the nuclear fuel cycle**



**justification of necessity and possibility of using the thermonuclear (fusion) source for nuclear fuel breeding**

Increasing safety  
and efficiency of  
operating NPPs  
and NPPs under  
construction

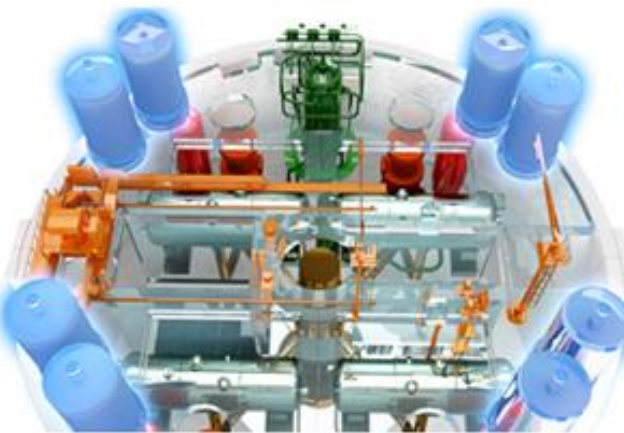
- development and implementation of performance targets for decreasing expenses and increasing safety at all stages of the lifecycle of nuclear power engineering and their justification on the basis of optimization analysis



Further  
development  
of VVER  
technology

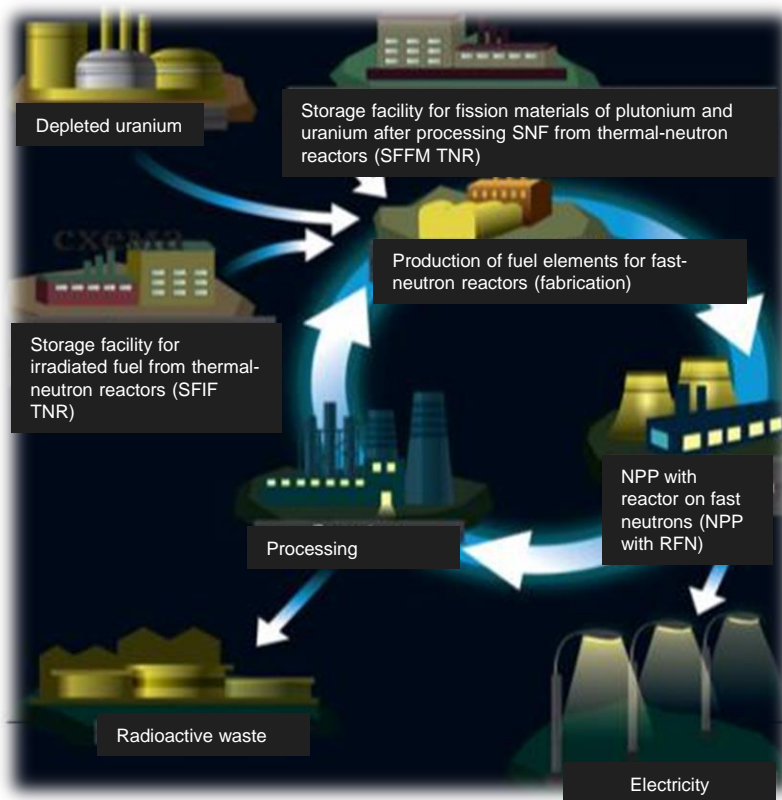
## Justification and implementation of proposals on:

- increasing consumer appeal (reliability, safety, maneuverability, etc.)
- extending the capacity range (from 100 to 1800 MW)
- building VVER with spectral regulation for efficient operation in open and closed fuel cycle
- building SCWR with supercritical coolant parameters
- development of new structural materials for the reactor internals and fuel cladding
- incorporation of new burnable absorbers
- implementation of fuel and resource support with developing of optimal structure of nuclear fuel cycle (improvement of fuel usage, increasing of breeding factor, involvement of thorium reserves)





Building basic elements of technological advances in closing NFC



- **development of requirements and justifications, selection of fast neutrons reactor(s) as the basic element for a closed NFC (fuel breeding, time of external fuel cycle regarding plutonium, safety, economy, stage-by-stage approach, implementation dates);**
- **R&D in new NFC technologies (fuel, methods of NF fabrication and reprocessing, minor actinide transmutation, elaboration of the thorium-uranium cycle technology)**

Expanding sales  
markets of  
electric power  
from nuclear  
power sources

## Justification and implementation of proposals on:

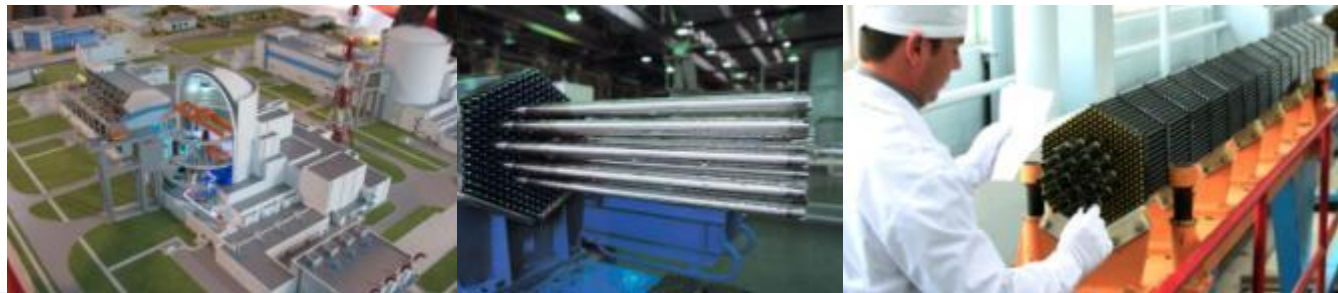
- production of low- and high-temperature process nuclear heat;
- production of new energy carriers;
- sea water desalination





Elaboration of  
medium- and  
long-term  
development  
strategy

- **system modeling of development of the global and Russian nuclear power industry for assessing priority focus areas for innovations (deadlines, scale, technical requirements);**
- **developing methods of assessment of neutron efficiency of nuclear power engineering system, forecast of neutron efficiency of fuel accessible in future;**
- **development of methods of efficient control of the nuclear fuel nuclide inventory at all process stages of a closed NFC;**
- **preparing proposals on efficient transition to the thorium-uranium fuel cycle**



***"...I hope that the mankind capable of inventing and harnessing the power of nuclear transformations will be wise enough to use this power to boost the technological advances rather than to commit suicide or destroy our children's future".***

***A.P. Aleksandrov***





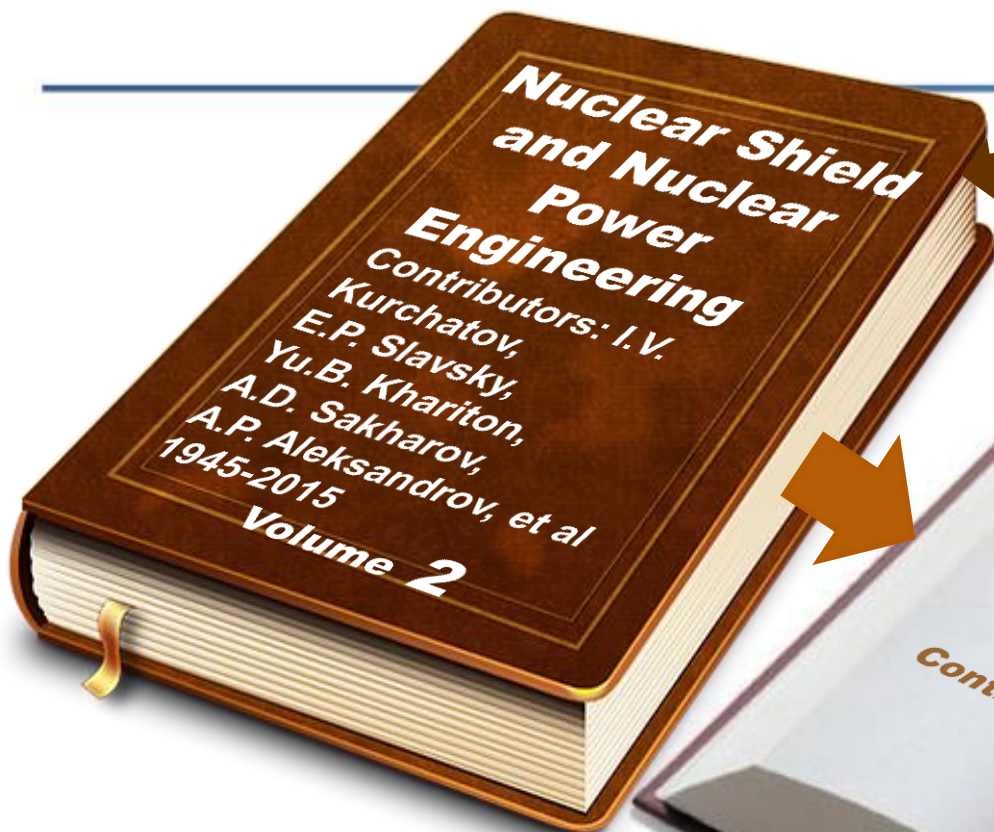
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